



EASTER AND THE PLANTS

Legends of Holy Events Preserved in Names

Our times are used to making definite pictures and as we recall each holiday of the year we clothe it in its own material dress. The Fourth of July we draw in blue and fireworks. Christmas we celebrate in holly and mistletoe. Valentine's Day we deck with hearts and darts. Easter we emphasize in flowers. Nature itself is responsible for the picture of Easter for at the approach of this season, the bare fields and naked trees exert themselves to send forth some glow of welcome. The landscape is changed. Instead of deathlike inactivity there is the stir of life and animation. Man himself feels a fresh impulse and as his sympathies broaden out to embrace the world he takes new notice of the plants and blossoms whose awakening beauty is transforming the city park or wooded glen.

When one comes to observe the flowers as heralds of the spring, it is a tribute to the power of the sun and the power of the earth. The sun is the source of life and the earth is the source of matter. The sun is the source of light and the earth is the source of food. The sun is the source of heat and the earth is the source of shelter. The sun is the source of life and the earth is the source of matter. The sun is the source of light and the earth is the source of food. The sun is the source of heat and the earth is the source of shelter.

As soon as Christianity converted a nation, it substituted all pagan names and substituted in their place the new faith. As men and cities had to be rechristened, so had the plant world also. The Savior Himself had few plants named for Him, probably from a feeling of reverence. We have, however, Christ's Thorn, which is supposed to have supplied the material for His crown. His mother was much honored. All blossoms with "Virgin" prefixed, as Virgin's Bower, were named for her; and those, too, that have "Maiden," as Maiden's Hair and any form of "Mary," as Margold. Each flower that reaches us today with "Lily" in its title was originally "Our Lady," as "Our Lady's Supper" and "Our Lady's Tresses." In the remaining, many plants were called after saints. Today we retain only a few of these names, as Saint John's Wort, Saint Peter's Wreath, Saint Andrew's Cross, Saint Joseph's Lily and Veronica. As we have allowed to secularize the names, though we have never reverted to the original titles held before the Christian era. We name generally to pay honor to some noted person, either scientist or otherwise.

The recognition of the scientific side of the plant world is a more marked than in the popular attitude toward plants. Our ancestors were as eager for explanations as we are today, and not having our scientific information, they interpreted the peculiarities of the flowers to suit their own ideas. From their interpretation of plants on the economic side grew the great Doctrine of Signatures which ruled the medical world down to the seventeenth century. This Doctrine of Signatures explained that the "mercy of God" maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains and the herbs to grow in the valleys. The Doctrine of Signatures explained that the "mercy of God" maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains and the herbs to grow in the valleys.

According to this theory, plants bearing red fruit were good for the blood; the barberry, because of its yellow bark, was a cure for jaundice; the trembling grass deterred attacks of fear; the poppy, because of its sleep-inducing properties, was a cure for insomnia. The Doctrine of Signatures explained that the "mercy of God" maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains and the herbs to grow in the valleys.

RUSSIAN CHAMPIONS OF FREEDOM AND DESPOTISM



It was announced in nearly every other European capital. M. Pobedonostoff, the notoriously fanatical, reactionary procurator of the holy synod, was one of the greatest obstacles to reforms in Russia. Now he has to deal with a revolt in the church itself, which has joined the people against the bureaucracy and is demanding greater freedom in the spiritual and administrative life of the church. This demand is voiced in a manifesto issued by a group of St. Petersburg priests and is aimed directly at the procurator, whose power to obstruct reforms is regarded as paralyzing the church. M. Pobedonostoff was born at Moscow in 1827, and educated at St. Petersburg, where he studied at the Imperial School of Jurisprudence to the hereditary Grand Duke Nicholas and many grand dukes of Russia and has been a member of the council of state since 1872.

SCHOOLS THE NATION'S LIFE

Results Show the Far-Seeing Wisdom of Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson of all men, appreciated the value and importance of the public school. He knew that the republic must rest upon enlightenment. It was destined to succeed. History, with which Jefferson was thoroughly familiar, had taught him that a nation in which only the rich were educated could not permanently exist. Especially in the United States, where suffrage was universal, he felt the necessity of equipping each voter with the intelligence necessary to make a wise choice when electing his representatives. He was not alone in this. The people of the United States, where suffrage was universal, he felt the necessity of equipping each voter with the intelligence necessary to make a wise choice when electing his representatives.

JIU-JITSU AND WATER

Japanese System Has Shown Value of Internal Use of Fluid. One of the most valuable features of the jiu-jitsu system is simply water. The jiu-jitsu system is a martial art that is based on the use of water. It is a system that is based on the use of water. It is a system that is based on the use of water. It is a system that is based on the use of water.

Singers Become Americans

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Cockrell's Machine a Wonder

F. M. Cockrell, Jr. of ex-Senator Cockrell, is the inventor of a sugar cane cutting machine that is revolutionizing the sugar planting industry of the south and at the same time to make its inventor a millionaire. His machine will do the work of more than 100 men. It cuts, strips and tops the cane and is pronounced by experts who have seen it in operation a wonderful machine, that will mean as much to the sugar cane industry as did the cotton gin to the cotton business.

Policeman's Remarkable Record

Patrolman Dennis Beardon, thirty years on the Cincinnati police force, broke his record the other day by arresting John Mesbaum on a charge of falling to provide for his family. It was the first arrest that Beardon had ever made. The only other time he ever did anything besides walking his beat was some years ago when he plunged into the river and saved a little girl from drowning. For this he was put on the roll of honor. His salary is \$80 a month.

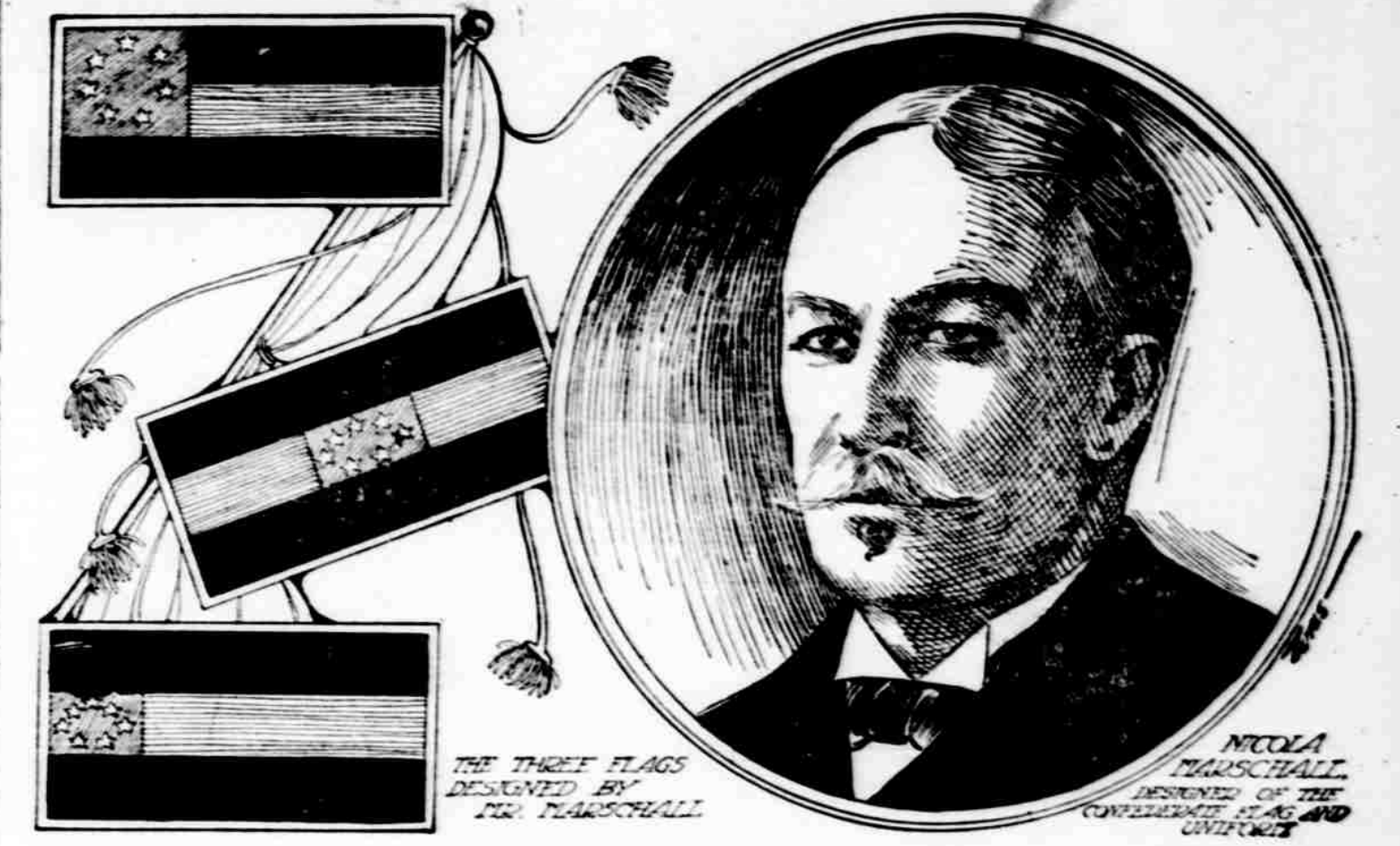
Undiplomatic Expression

Count Von Bulow was rebuked a member of the reichstag for talking about German "indignation" against Russian methods of government. No German, says the chancellor, ought to be indignant at the policy of any other country. He may be "more or less pleasantly affected" by it, but "indignation" is undiplomatic.

Longest Day in Norway

At Wardburg, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21 to July 22 without interruption.

Designed Uniform and Flag for Confederates



Nicola Marshall, the Prussian Artist, Who for More Than Thirty Years Has Lived in Louisville, Prepared the Drawings at the Request of Mrs. Napoleon Lockett in Marion, Ala., Where He Then Resided.

In a well-known business building in Louisville, Ky., is a time-stained room rich in its memories and traditions of the old South. It is the art studio of Nicola Marshall, portrait painter and designer of the uniform and flag of the Confederate states. From his Prussian home, where he was trained to the painter's art, he came to America at one of the most picturesque periods of this country's history, the gold fever days of '49. "I came to this country," he said, "when I was 15 years of age. I landed in New Orleans and made my way to Mobile, where I lived a relative. I met him on the eve of his departure for California. "My kinsman tried to persuade me to join his mining party and go to California. But I was then as far away from home as I cared to be, and declined. I became acquainted with one of the teachers in a female seminary at Marion, Ala. I became a teacher there and taught painting, violin, piano, guitar and the French and German languages. "My studies in Europe of drawing and painting now served me well. I came over here on an old sailing vessel, and well do I remember to this day how I had to draw the picture of every member of the crew, from captain to humblest sailor. I had been in this country one year when my brother arrived here from Prussia. "In 1857 I returned to Prussia and remained two years, continuing my studies of art. It was while passing through Verona, which then belonged to Austria, that I saw the uniform which years later was to furnish me the design for the Confederate uniform. "In Verona one day the notes of martial music came to me. A party of sharpshooters belonging to the Austrian army were passing. "What splendid soldiers, what noble uniforms! was my comment as I saw them. They wore dark uniforms with a striking uniform of gray with green trimmings. The green denoted their branch of the army—sharpshooters—and their rank was indicated by marks on the collar of their coats, bars for lieutenants and captains, stars for the higher officers. "I returned to America in 1859 and again located in Marion. There I painted many portraits of the wealthy. "Mrs. Napoleon Lockett, a beautiful woman of an old Virginia family and the wife of a planter, lived at Marion. Her eldest son married the daughter of Gov. Moore and one of her younger sons married one of the younger daughters of Gov. Moore. "Soon came the first notes of war. Mrs. Lockett was as loyal a daughter as the South had. She came to me one day and said: 'Mr. Marshall, we have succeeded, and the Confederate government wants a flag. Will you make us a design?' It must not be too unlike the United States flag but different enough to be distinguished at a distance. "I took pencil and paper and made two different designs. The first was of two red stripes and one of white, with a blue field bearing in the upper left-hand corner seven white stars, indicating the number of states that had then seceded. The second design had the field of stars at the extreme left of the white stripe instead of the top red stripe. The third design had the two full red stripes at top and bottom, the white stripe in the middle, with the blue field and white stars in the center. "The first design, made by Mr. Marshall, was adopted by the Confederate government. This flag—the Stars and Bars—was raised on the staff above the Capitol at Montgomery, Ala. on March 4, 1862, by Miss J. C. Tyler of Virginia, granddaughter of John Tyler. "Continuing his narrative, Mr. Marshall said: "Mrs. Lockett thanked me for the designs, and started to go. Then she came back adding: 'We also want a design for a uniform. Mr. Marshall, can you suggest one?' "The thought occurred to me of the gray uniforms I had seen worn by the Austrian sharpshooters. I made several rough sketches, indicating the

TRAITS OF GRAY SQUIRRELS

Migrate in Armies, Losing Thousands on the Way. Early writers tell of wonderful migration of American gray squirrels, which must have arisen from the rapid increase and consequent overcrowding of a locality. Thousands of this species would start off in a regular army, all moving in the same direction and with considerable rapidity, along nothing to stop their onward march. Although these little animals have an extreme aversion to water and do not excel as swimmers, yet, whenever a watercourse, no matter what width, barred their progress, they would not hesitate for an instant, but plunge in and struggle desperately for the opposite shore, seizing upon anything in the way of floating sticks or chips to assist them in the passage. Unless the river was very narrow by far the smaller percentage of the band reached the farther shore, the rest becoming exhausted and drowning. These armies never seemed to reach any destination, but gradually their numbers would decrease by death from drowning and other hardships, until the band faded entirely away. Gray squirrels, generally four in a nest, are born in March or early in April. They never venture forth from the nest during the first month and are attended alone by the mother. She takes this task upon herself from choice and does not allow another squirrel, even her own mate, to approach the nest. It is the custom of many Londoners to gather round St. Paul's cathedral on the last night of each year and sing "And Lamb Sing" and other more or less appropriate songs till 12 o'clock. As the Standard describes it: "There is no watch-night service at London's great cathedral on tolling of bells to speed the going, no joyous peal to greet the coming guest. The crowd is left to provide its own excitement. Slowly the clock in the southwest tower chimes the four quarters, and then comes the deep boom which tells of the arrival of another year. There is a second or two of silence, and then a mighty cheer breaks out, friend greets friend by the hand and the time-honored wishes are repeated over the clock in the tower. There is an indescribable something that gives a solemnity to the occasion. The surroundings, the traditions, whatever it may be, all tend to invest the scene with an importance of the moment."

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Physical Examinations Necessary

The advisability of a periodical medical examination of the apparently healthy man is considered by Dr. Alexander MacKenzie in the Detroit Medical Journal. He sums up his article in these words: "Physicians have a tremendous responsibility in keeping people well. Only a small percentage of people enjoy perfect health. Physicians should educate people in apparent health to the necessity of a periodical physical examination. This examination, made at least yearly, should be careful and systematic, and should embrace all the approved chemical and microscopic tests for the diagnosis of disease."

Saves All Her Gold Coins

It is said by her most intimate friends that Lillian Russell has never been known to spend a gold coin. In the years of her stage career she has accumulated a large number of gold pieces of every size and they are treasured as carefully as her jewels. This practical hoarding of gold by the actress is not due to any superstition, but to a sentiment of some peculiar nature. During the tours of the former Weber & Fields company to the Pacific slope the actress received a large share of her weekly salary in gold. Every man was carefully added to the collection, which has now assumed the proportions of a modest fortune.

The Mystery of Health

Whenever any one is released from jail or penitentiary after a long sentence, we read that while he was in poor or downright bad health when he entered he comes out as hearty as a brick. Yet almost without exception jails and penitentiaries are insanitary, unclean places, with no facilities for precautions usually taken by those who wish to get or keep healthy. The mystery lies in two words—regularity and diet. The first is, perhaps, the more important. Clocklike regularity, everything done on the second and on the same second every day, a recognition of the fact that the body is a machine. Then, as a supplement to this, a simple diet—plain, not too varied—enough to eat, but not too much—Saturday Evening Post.

Rhode Island Legislators

In Rhode Island each town and city elects a Senator, no matter what its population. West Greenwich has a population of 600 and a senator. Providence has one representative in the Senate and a population of about 200,000.

Jealousy to the Limit

A young man was jealous of a girl he adored. She was a bit more coquettish than other girls. "Your eyes can flirt in all directions," he said one day, and cut them out.